

I fully support funding that allows money to follow the child.

The current model of education funding is regressive and unfair. Funding should be based upon a simplified, common sense concept that puts students first and takes into account their individual learning needs at the public schools they attend. This is about making sure students have what they need at their schools, not taking care of school districts.

In closing, if public education is to survive, it must be structured in the best interests of children, not adults and it must be sustainable. The time for change is now. Although collaboration is fine, solid change must not be stripped of its power. ***I ask that you find the courage and the political will to put STUDENTS FIRST THIS YEAR.***

Thank you.